

Williams honored by Careacter Star

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Knoxville Focus sports-writer Steve Williams has a long career and on Friday night, he was honored by Careacter Star, an organization founded in East Tennessee to recognize student-athletes for academics, community service and character.

Williams, who has been with The Focus since 2008, was named Careacter Star Sportswriter of the Year and acknowledged for his work and dedication on the field before Gibbs High's 24-17 victory over the host Red Devils Friday night.

The Careacter Star Athletes of the Week in Knox County and Seymour are published weekly in the Knoxville Focus during the school year.

The organization was founded nearly two decades ago by Coach



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Seconds before the presentation of the East Tennessee Careacter Star Sports Writer of the Year award, honoree Steve

not to vote for a candidate you may write in a name in each race.

For instance, in the Governor's race Bill Lee and Karl Dean top the list and the below then are 26 other candidates.

The same is true for the U. S. Senate candidates which start with Marsha Blackburn and Phil Bredesen and then list six other people seeking that office.

The U. S. House race to replace retiring Congressman Jimmy Duncan lists Tim Burchett and Renee Hoyos plus four independents.

Voters will decide between two partisan candidates in the state races with three exceptions. For the state Senate, Randy McNally faces Stuart Starr in the 5th District and, in the 7th District, Richard Briggs and Jamie Ballinger are the only names on the ballot.

Several state representative seats are on